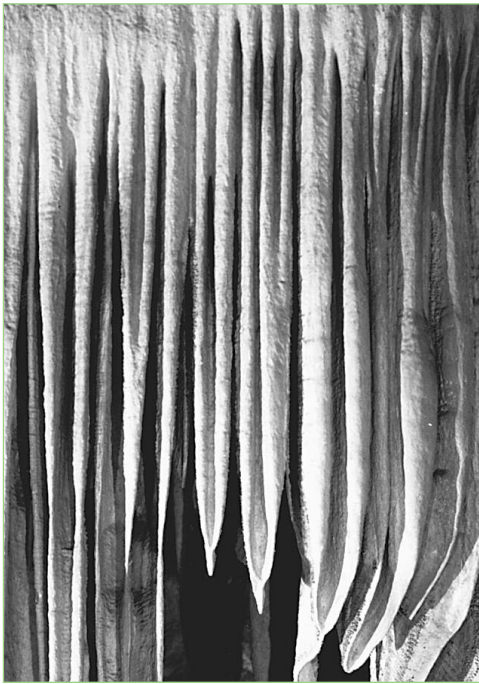


# Crystal Cave rocks!



See fabulous cave formations! NPS Photo

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1-1/2 hours before the tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see page 12 map). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on the road to the cave.

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket; the 1/2-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep and it's 50°F (10°C) inside.

No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about group reservations! Tours by the SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

## 45-minute Cave Tours daily starting May 9<sup>th</sup>

*Don't miss this opportunity!*

From 5/9 through 6/12: Weekdays 11am, noon, 2 pm, & 3 pm.

Saturday & Sunday 11 am-4 pm on the hour.

Memorial Day weekend (5/23-25): every 1/2 hour, 10:30 am -5pm.

Extra tours may be added.

From 6/13 through 9/7: Weekdays 10:30 am -4:30 pm every 1/2 hour.

Saturdays & July 4th weekend (7/3-5) every 1/2 hour 10 am - 5 pm.

Sundays 10:30 am - 5 pm.

Fees: Age 6-12 \$6.95; age 13-61 \$11.95; age 62 & up \$10.95; under 6 & Golden Access Pass holders free. Prices subject to change.

National Park, Interagency, & Golden Age passes do not apply.

SNHA members get a discount!

## 1½ hour Discovery Tours start June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Weekdays only 6/22 through 8/28 (no tours 7/3), starting at 4:15 pm.

Enjoy a more in-depth tour of this fabulous cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: \$19.95 each (SNHA members \$16.95).

# Free Activities

## NATIONAL PARK WEEK 2009 — APRIL 18-26:

**FREE PARK ENTRANCE & NATIONAL JR. RANGER FAMILY DAY Saturday, April 25 - No fee! Go to Hospital Rock Picnic Area 10am-2pm for activities, prizes, and more! See pages 8-9 for regular activities. 1-559-565-4212.**

**WALKS & TALKS:** Free ranger-led talks and walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, the Foothills, and Cedar Grove. See pages 8-9 or check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see what is scheduled.

**VISITOR CENTERS & PARK STORES:** Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8-9 for details.

## JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - FREE FOR ALL AGES

Earn a badge while helping to protect resources. If you are 5 to 8 years old, work for the Jay Award. Those 9 to 12 years old earn a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Pick up a free Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center, follow the instructions and have fun!

## TEACHERS- BRING YOUR CLASS TO

**THE PARKS! Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date: 1-559-565-4303.**



# WHERE CAN I...

**You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest and Monument (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 for details). Know where you are!**

• **WALK A PET:** *In the Parks:* Not on any trails but it's o.k. 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). *In National Forest:* Pets can go on trails. *In both areas:* Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.

• **GO CAMPING:** *In the Parks:* Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. *In National Forest:* In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

• **COLLECT THINGS:** *Not in Parks:* Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. *In National Forest:* Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. *In both areas:* Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.

• **HUNT:** *Not in the Parks.* Firearms must be unloaded, inoperable and stored in way that prevents ready use prior to entering national parks. *In National Forest:* Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.

• **GO CAMPING:** *In the Parks:* Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. *In National Forest:* In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

• **DRIVE OFF-ROAD:** *Not in either area.* Stay on roads.

• **GO FISHING?** *In both areas:* Permitted during the season;

California fishing licenses required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

• **GO PICNICKING:** See picnic symbols on back-page map. Due to bears, never leave food unattended! Most sites have tables, restrooms and fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills and Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, and Crescent Meadow.

• **HAVE A FIRE:** *In the Parks:* Only in fire grills in campgrounds and some picnic areas. *In National Forest:* Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (in Grant Grove) or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.

• **CUT WOOD:** *Not in the Parks. In National Forest:* Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit and guidelines: 559-338-2251.

• **RIDE A BICYCLE:** *In the Parks:* Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). *In National Forest:* Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. *In both areas:* Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

## • RIDE HORSEBACK

Call regarding hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, & guided trips. Opening dates are weather-dependent.

• **Cedar Grove - late May**  
1-559-565-3464 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season

• **Grant Grove - early June**  
1-559-335-9292 summer  
1-559-594-9307 off season

• **Horse Corral - late May**  
at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest  
1-559-565-3404 summer  
1-559-564-6429 off season  
1-559-679-3573 cell